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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SCHMIDT ET AL.

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RESPONSE TO SUBSTITUTE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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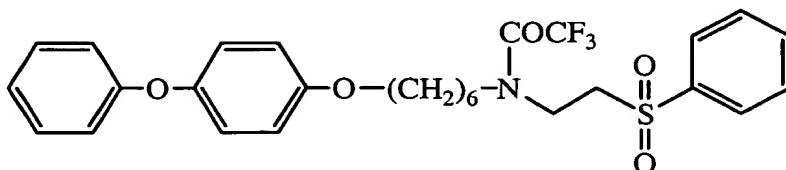
Sir:

In response to the substitute restriction requirement dated May 23, 2003, the applicants elect:

Group I, claims 1-34, drawn to a method for characterizing an analyte.

In response to the election of species requirement, the applicants elect the following from each subgroup:

Subgroup I, species of compound: FT134 (RMM=549), shown in Figure 11 (and below) and drawn to claims 1, 2, 4-12, 20-22, 31, 32, 33, and 34



Subgroup II, species of cleaving: Method of cleavage in a mass spectrometer as recited in claim 31 and drawn to claims 1-34;

Subgroup III, species of method for identifying the reporter: Method of mass spectroscopy as recited in claim 34 and drawn to claims 1-34.

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This election is made without traverse and filed within the statutory period for response along with the fee required for a three-month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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